

REMARKS

Claims 1-28, 31, and 32 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1, 17, and 24 have been amended herein. This Amendment, submitted in reply to the Office Action dated June 30, 2008 and the Advisory Action dated August 22, 2008, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Preliminary Matters

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with Applicant's representatives. Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for discussing claim amendments to independent claims 1, 17, and 24 in order to overcome the applied references.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-28, 31 and 32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chang et al. (US 2002/0026443; henceforth "Chang") in view of Chou et al. (US 6,370,541; henceforth "Chou"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As discussed above, the Examiner has indicated that claim 1 would be patentable over the Chang and Chou references if amended as proposed. Claim 1 has been amended herein as discussed with the Examiner.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "managing a federated folder within a federated content management system that includes a plurality of heterogeneous federated datastores, the method comprising: searching, from a local datastore, the plurality of heterogeneous federated datastores...wherein the persistent federated folder collectively saves federated search results

from each of the respective heterogeneous federated datastores...selectively deleting the persistent federated folder” which Applicant submits is not disclosed in the art cited by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is patentable over the applied references. Further, claims 17 and 24 have also been amended as discussed with the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are also patentable over the applied references for similar reasons. Further, Applicant submits that all claims dependant upon claims 1, 17, and 24 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-28, 31 and 32 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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